



Marymatha Prayer Chain

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“She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet: “The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel” (which means “God with us”)

Luke 1:21-23

ENGAGEMENTS OF THE PROVINCIAL

December 27:	Council Meeting
December 28:	Ordination of Dn. Jojo Varekkulam at Kanjoor
PM:	Travel to Kalichanadukkam
December 29:	Ordination of Dn. Thomas Kanakkattu at Attenganam
December 30:	Ordination of Dn. Nelson Mukkattukavumkal at Naduvil
December 31:	Ordination of Dn. Joel Kalapurackal at Perumpunna
January 1:	Ordination of Dn. Sanoj Marottipara at Kacherikadavu

NEWS FROM THE PROVINCIAL HOUSE

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE

An apology

- *In the last issue of Prayer Chain News by mistake the place of ministry of Fr. Varghese Thuruthichira was given as Australia instead of New Zealand. Sorry for the mistake.*
- Fr. Biju Moonjely Doing ministry in Nairobi, Kenya and in the Mission of Bill Foundation arrived on December 23, 2016 for his annual holidays.

PRIESTLY ORDINATION

Rev. Madhanu Anil Lourdhru received the Holy Order of Priesthood on December 19, 2016 from His Grace Govindu Joji, the Bishop of Nalgonda, AP at Holy Rosary Church Kethepally, Nalgonda Diocese, AP. Fr. Mathew Vattakuzhy, the Assistant Superior General, Fr. Provincial, two Provincial Councillors, Many fathers from the Good Shepherd Region, many Vincentian Priests and good number of people from the parish participated in the function.

We wish you all the best in your priestly ministry!!

For Photos please open the link below.

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ORDINATIONS OF THIS WEEK

- ✚ Rev. **Jojo Varekkulam** will be ordained to Priesthood on **December 28, 2016** at St. Mary's Forane Church, Kanjoor, Ernakulam-Angamaly Archdiocese.
- ✚ Rev. **Thomas Kanakkattu** will be raised to ministerial Priesthood on **December 29, 2016** at St. Jude's Church, Attenganam, Thalassery Archdiocese.
- ✚ Rev. **Antony Mukkattukavunkal** will receive his Sacerdotal Ordination on **December 30, 2016** at St. Mary's Church, Naduvil, Thalassery Archdiocese.
- ✚ Rev. **George Kalapurackal** will be ordained a priest on **December 31, 2016** at Fatima Matha Church Perumpunna, Thalassery Archdiocese.
- ✚ Rev. **Joseph Marottipara** will be raised to priesthood on **January 1, 2016** at St. George's Church, Kacherikadavu, Thalassery Archdiocese.

Let us be present for the ordinations and encourage them with our prayers!

MINOR ORDERS

The following Seminarians of our Province received Diaconate and Minor Orders on December 22, 2016 at Generalate Chapel, Edappally. Mar Mathew Vaniyakizhakkal presided over the ceremony and assisted by Rev. Fr. Varghese Parappuram, the Superior General, Rev. Fr. George Arackal, Provincial Superior, St. Joseph Province, Fr. Paul Puthuva, the Provincial Superior, Marymatha Province, and Fr. Varghese Chirapparamban, Rector, Vidyabhavan.

Diaconate

1. Chakrampully Davis (Santo) - Janampet
2. Chirayath Antony - Shillong
3. Manjila Joseph (Arun) - Janampet
4. Nedumbakkaran Joseph - Aluva
5. Onattu Kuriakose (Anu) - Aluva
6. Veshnal Thomas (Motilal) - Aluva

Heupathiakona

1. Chakrampully Davis (Santo) - Janampet
2. Chinta Joji Babu - Janampet
3. Ganta Ratnakar - Janampet
4. Karedan Varghese (Tinto) - Janampet
5. Malladhi Mariadas - Shillong
6. Pulickathottiyil Paulose (Lipin) - Aluva
7. Puthenpurackal John (Tom) - Janampet
8. Theningal Mathew (Tinson) - Aluva
9. Unnukallil Augustine (Aby) - Aluva

Karoya

1. Karikunnel Mathew (Jijo) - Janampet
2. Manavalan Antony (Alfin) - Aluva

Congratulations and best wishes to all the Brothers!!

For photos open the link below.

THEOLOGIANS MEET, 2016

Theologians Meet of the Marymatha Province was held on December 23, 2016 in the Provincial House, Angamaly. All the theology students except from East Africa and Pune participated in the meet. There were altogether 24 of them. They came here from Vidyabhavan in the morning. The Programme started with Holy Eucharist at 6.30 am celebrated by Fr. Paul Parekkattil. Then, all proceeded to the Photo Session and breakfast. At 9:30 am all gathered in the Provincial House auditorium for the Inaugural session. Fr. Provincial and the Councillors addressed the gathering.

After the tea break there was a sharing session. After the Adoration at 2.00 pm Brothers prepared for the evening cultural programme. At 6:30 pm brothers staged variety cultural programmes at DiST auditorium. Fr. Varghese Parappuram, the Superior General, Fr. Varghese Chirapparamban, Rector, Vidyabhavan, Fathers from Munnoorpilly, and Fathers from Vincentian Ashram, Angamaly were present to watch and encourage the theologians during the cultural programme. Theologians and minor seminarians from Munnoorppilly really entertained the guests with variety of programmes. Thereafter all proceeded to the DiSt Dining Hall for supper. Brothers were allowed to watch a movie in the conference hall at 9:45 pm.

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PUTHUPPADY JUBILEE RETREAT CENTRE, BIBLE CONVENTION

22nd Puduppady Vincentian Bible Convention began on December 20, 2016. Almost thousand people attended the convention daily. The Convention began with the Bible procession and followed by the Inaugural Holy Eucharist and a homily by Fr. Paul Parekkattil. Fr. George Pottayil, the Superior of the House, welcomed the dignitaries to the Convention. Rt. Rev. Joseph Mar Thomas (Bishop of Bathery Diocese) gave the benedictory message. Fr. Zacharias Edattu (Editor, Vachanolsavam) led the afternoon session and concluded with Eucharistic Adoration. The second day began with the solemn Holy Mass by Fr. Thomas Thevadiyil (Diocese of Thamarassery). Rev. Fr. Joseph Vayalil (CMI Provincial, Chairman of Shalom TV) preached the word of God. Br. Joykutty (Divine) led the afternoon session and adoration. Third day was blessed with the presence of Mar Remigios Inchananiyil (Bishop Thamaraseery). Bishop celebrated the solemn Holy Mass and preached about God's Mercy. Famous lay preachers Santhosh Karumathra and Baby John Kalayanthani led the afternoon sessions. Final day was blessed by Fr. Sebastian Purayidathil (Corporate Manger, Thamarassery) who offered solemn Holy Qurabana and Fr. Varghese Kottaparambil preached the word of God and conducted a healing service. Fr. Rajiv Palyathra (Assi. Director) of Benedictine

Retreat Centre, Makiyadu, preached thereafter and conducted a deliverance prayer. Fr. Wilson Kuzhithadathil and Jolly Thadathil lead the final Adoration and Eucharistic procession.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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Dear Fathers, we wish you a Happy Birthday!!!

CONDOLENCES

- ❖ Mr. P.J. Mathew (81), beloved father of Rev. Fr. John Palaparambil VC, died on December 22, 2016. He was laid to rest at 3.30 pm on 23rd December 2016 at Christ the King Church, Vilakkannoor in the Archdiocese of Thalassery.
- ❖ Mr. Varkey Alapurackal (90), maternal uncle of Rev. Fr. Paul Pambrayil VC, died on December 23, 2014. He was buried at 2 pm on 24th December 2016 at St. Xavier's Church, Pothanikkad in the Diocese of Kothamangalam.

Hearty condolences dear fathers as you and the families are grieved of the demise of your dear ones!!

OBITUARY

Fr. Thomas Kuzhippala

December 27, 2012

Let us pray that the Lord may grant him eternal rest!

IN THE FOOT STEPS OF ST. VINCENT

Solitude and Apostolic Ministry

The life of a Missionary ought to be the life of a Carthusian in the house, and an apostle in the countryside. The more he cares for his own interior development the more his labors for the spiritual good of others will prosper.

[cxxxix] [Theme used by Vincent Lebbe, CM.]

The apostolic life does not exclude contemplation but encompasses it and profits by it to know better the eternal truths it must proclaim.

[cxxxii] Vincent de Paul

YOUR NEWS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear Confreres,

Sharing our joys and sorrows, success and struggles is a manifestation of our fraternal communion and solidarity. If you could send the news for the next prayer chain before **December 31, 2016**, it will be highly appreciated. Our e-mail id is: marymathavc@gmail.com

A GESTURE OF FRATERNAL LOVE

All have the right to get information. Since some our confreres may not have access to the online prayer chain, please take a hard copy of the same and make it available for all the confreres in our Houses. Thank you.